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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 1527/OE847

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arthur ASHMAN

For: SOFT TISSUE SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD OF SOFT TISSUE REFORMATION

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) for a

☒ Continuation

☐ Divisional

application of the following pending prior application, which is complete:

Serial No. 09/448,692

Filed: November 24, 1999

(NOTE: This date must be prior to 5/29/2000)

Of: Arthur ASHMAN

For: SOFT TISSUE SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD OF SOFT TISSUE REFORMATION

Examiner: D. Isabella

Group: 3738

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1. As of the filing date accorded the present application, abandon the prior application, in which no issue fee has been paid, nor has there been a termination of proceedings. The file wrapper contents of the prior application are to constitute the basic papers for the new application.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, AFTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

	Claims on File	Number Ex- tra	Rate
Basic Fee			\$750.00
Total Claims	35 - 20 =	15 x \$18	\$270.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0 x \$84	\$0.00
If Multiple Dependent Claims Are Present, Add \$280.00			\$0.00
Total Filing Fee			\$0.00
For Small Entity (half of preceding total)*			\$510.00

*No. 8 below must be checked to claim this reduction.

A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

3. A new declaration
☒ is not required, since this application is a continuation or a division and does not include a new inventor, or
☐ is enclosed, together with the required filing fee of \$, or
☐ will be provided later, together with the required filing fee.
4. ☐ Cancel claims __.
5. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment submitted in the prior application on .
6. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

7. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to attorneys at the firm of DARBY & DARBY P.C., Post Office Box 5257, New York, NY 10150-5257.

☒ The power appears in the papers of a prior application.

☐ Since the power does not appear in the papers of a prior application, a power of attorney is enclosed.

8. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

9. ☐ Priority is claimed from
Country:
Number:
Date:

The priority document

- ☐ was filed in a prior application
☐ is enclosed.

10. The Assignment

- ☐ was recorded at Reel Frame on
☐ is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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